

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 11-46 are now pending in the application. Claims 4-10 are cancelled by this amendment. Claims 43-46 are added by this amendment.

RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The Office has asserted that a restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-3 and 18-34 are drawn to an alloy having about 30 to about 50 wt.% Ni and etc. classified in class 420, subclass 580+.
- II. Claims 4-10 are drawn to a Cu based alloy having about 0.5 to about 1.5 wt.% Ti and etc and no Ni recited, classified in class 420, subclass 478+.
- III. Claims 11-17 are drawn to a Cu based alloy having about 10 to about 15 wt. % Ni, about 0.25 to about 2 wt. % Cr, and etc, classified in class 420, subclass 486+.
- IV. Claims 35-42 are drawn to a method of forming a metal matrix composite, classified in class 148, subclass 516+.

Applicants elect, with traverse, to have the Claims of Group I (Claims 1-3, 18-34, and 43-46) examined at this time. Applicants submit that newly submitted claims 43-46 are within the scope of Group I and respectfully requests that they also be examined at this time.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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